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SUBJECT: KOREA AND UNGA

1. KOREAN DELEGATE TO UN OBSERVER MISSION, PARK DONG JIN, WILL BE PREPARED TO RESUME CONSULTATIONS ON UN STRATEGY WITH USDEL UPON HIS RETURN TO NEW YORK JULY 22. BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, PARK TOLD ME HE HAD MET WITH PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER FOR A FULL DISCUSSION AND WAS NOW EMPOWERED TO COMPLETE CONSULTATIONS WITH USDEL. HE SAID PRESIDENT PRK IS AWARE OF ALL THE DETAILS AND FULLY CONCURS WITH COURSES OF ACTION AS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED UP TO THIS POINT.

2. WHEN DISCUSSIONS WITH USDEL COMPLETED SOON AFTER PARK'S RETURN, KOREANS AGREE TO OPEN CONSULTATIONS WITH KEY ALLIES. THEY ARE QUITE PREPARED TO START WITH JAPANESE AND BRITISH AND THEN MOVE TO CORE GROUP AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED WITH USDEL. FOREIGN MINISTER KIM DONG JO TOLD ME THAT WHILE HE AGREED IT MADE GOOD SENSE TO HAVE SUCH DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK BETWEEN UN DELEGATIONS OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES, HE WISHED ALSO TO SIMULTANEOUSLY INFORM THEIR HOME GOVERNMENTS THROUGH ROK EMBASSIES. THEREFORE, HE PROPOSED THAT WHEN WE WERE PREPARED TO OPEN CONSULTATIONS WITH ANY OF OUR ALLIES WE WOULD BE SURE AND KEEP ROKG HERE INFORMED SO THAT IT COULD PROPERLY INSTRUCT

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ITS MISSIONS. I TOLD HIM THIS POSED NO PROBLEM AND

PRESUMED HE WOULD BE KEPT INFORMED BY AMBASSADOR PARK
BUT I WOULD ALSO CALL HIS DESIRES TO THE ATTENTION
OF USUN AND THE DEPARTMENT.

3. KIM EXHIBITED A BIT OF SENSITIVITY THAT IT NOT
APPEAR OUR INITIATIVES AT THE UN ARE SOLELY U.S.
SPONSORED. I BELIEVE I CALMED SUCH CONCERNS AND
ASSURED HIM HIS DELEGATION IN NEW YORK AND HIS GOVERNMENT
WOULD BE GIVEN FULL SCOPE IN CONSULTATIONS WITH
OTHER NATIONS.
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